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PARTICIPANTS: JD - JOHN DEBELLO
JL - JOHN LISCIO
LC - LOUIS CORDASCO
UF - UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE

ABBREVIATIONS: UI - UNINTELLIGIBLE
IA - INAUDIBLE
PH - PHONETIC

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This is SA Michael B. Hartnett along with SA Earl Anderson. The date is February 16, 2005, the time is approximately 2:40 p.m. We're going to make a consensual recording with John Debello and John Liscio.

(Background noise)

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JL: Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful, all right. Thank you, thank you.

JD: (UI), you wanna play?

JL: Hah?

JD: You wanna play? Here's two bucks.

JL: No, I don't (UI). I was just, I was going up to the candy store and it started to rain.

JD: Oh, I got your message. I said let me just run over here. I knew I was gonna be in town (UI).

JL: I just, uh, (UI) Lou's gonna be coming in.

JD: The what?

JL: Lou is gonna be coming in.

JD: Oh, here?

JL: Yeah.

JD: Oh, he's here today.

JL: He told me he's gonna be around.

JD: Oh, okay. All right. Close the door?

JL: No, not yet, I'm gonna get some coffee. Want some coffee?

JD: Naw.

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JL: Come on.

JD: No, I don't drink coffee.

JL: We got some bagels.

JD: No, thanks. No, thank you.

UF: The coffee's fresh.

JL: Coffee's nice and fresh, come on.

JD: I don't drink coffee.

JL: No?

JD: No. What are you doing, you got an appointment at, uh...for your heart?

JL: No, I, um, I postponed it (UI).

JD: You sure? All right, you know, I don't wanna take you out of what you're doing.

JL: I'm gonna be here till 3:30, 4:00.

JD: All right.

(JL talking in background)

JL: (UI) and the best psychiatrist.

UF: Oh, very nice, my pleasure.

JL: Dr. John.

JD: How are you?

UF: My pleasure.

JL: Dr. John.

JD: Only, there's only one thing, I don't practice in the county.

UF: Oh, then forget about it.

JD: I'm (UI) in the Bronx and Queens.

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UF: Forget about it.

JL: In the Bronx.

JD: In the Bronx and Queens.

UF: Okay, we'll send (UI).

JD: That's all right. Even though I'm not here I'm still the best in this county.

JL: There you go.

JD: (Laughs) Oh, God... (UI) what was up with, uh, Midollo? I didn't even know Midollo knew, uh, Lou.

JL: Who's Midollo?

JD: Robby Midollo, you know, he was there that night at my house. What's up with him?

JL: He does, he does a lot of stuff up there.

JD: I had no idea.

JL: A lot of contracting stuff.

JD: I had no idea.

JL: He knows about everything that happened with Dominic the whole time.

JD: Yeah, he knows, I know. I didn't know he knew, I didn't know he knew any of that stuff.

JL: It's not a bad thing.

JD: No, I don't care. Doesn't matter to me. No, I, I'm not, I don't dislike him or anything. Truth is he just shocked me. I'm like, what is this guy doing here...you know.

JL: (UI) get people that are involved in certain things. People that, you know what I mean?

JD: Yeah, yeah, yeah, I, I had no idea though. Cause he says he's coming with this plumber and...

JL: If we're gonna do something, we'll do something with

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the right people.

JD: Right.

JL: You understand?

JD: I didn't, I didn't know that. I just didn't know.

JL: Uh, you (UI).

JD: Well...

JL: He had a valid point though, you know, Lou. Lou had a valid point.

JD: About what, the, uh...well, Robby's saying he can't do it.

JL: Huh?

JD: Robby's saying he can't do it.

JL: Not lately with this weather that we're having.

JD: No, I know. I know, that's another thing.

JL: I want you to look at something.

JD: Go head.

JL: We're stooping down to his level, the scumbag, you understand?

JD: I know.

JL: The people that are involved have a lot to lose. He has nothing to lose.

JD: He has nothing to lose, I know.

JL: You understand?

JD: But that's why, you know, initially, when you guys, when you said, you offered this to me, honestly, John, I said shit, if I could get a couple of months, uh, you know, mortgage, I said, this is fine for me. And honest to God truth, what I saw, like, when you came by with Lou, I'm like, Lou's like, yeah, this is gonna get ruined, I'm like, shit, no, that's not what I want,

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Lou.

JL: John...

JD: Cause if I, if I have another million dollar claim or whatever...

JL: John, we have no control on what could happen.

JD: Yeah, but what if a pipe breaks over the garage? You understand? What if a pipe breaks over the garage? That's not even the main part of my house. Then I can still live in the house. But seriously, Lou's come by and he says, no, no, you're gonna have to move. Chubb pays well for you to move. I'm, like, Lou, I mean you gotta be kidding me. You know, that's not what I was looking for. I'm looking for, you know, the \$250,000 claim or less where if I net out 50,000, great, you guys take your share, everybody's happy, you know.

JL: I understand.

JD: But the truth is, you know, he looked at it, like, no, no, no, what we're gonna do, I think we'll break this one. I'm like, Lou, that's over my master bedroom, I mean...

JL: Only thing, John...where the pipe can be broken, you know. You can't just take a pipe and say...

JD: Well, you know, look, the garage is the coldest spot, too, you know.

JL: I know, but they're (UI)...

JD: There's a bathroom in, over my, uh, garage.

JL: They're not that stupid, the insurance companies.

JD: Well, that's what I'm saying, we gotta be careful.

JL: You know, that's why...

JD: Did Robby help Dom, no?

JL: Whatta you mean?

JD: Did Robby help Dom? How did, he knew a lot about Dom's claim, how did he...I mean did he help him do it? I

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mean...

JL: Not that I know, no, no.

JD: Oh. No, I'm just saying cause if Robby did, look, Dominick got away with it obviously, right, okay. They interviewed me too, and he got away with it. What am I gonna say? I walked away.

JL: Well, (UI), well, that ain't (UI) cause you were (UI) the building.

JD: Yeah, well, they put me under deposition and, you know, what did I know? I knew nothing. And they, they blamed it all on the plumber. What do I know, I know nothing...you know. And they thought, they really, Dominick did a wonderful job. They really felt that the plumber did a bad job, and that he, it was his fault.

JL: The person who built the house. The person who built the house.

JD: Yeah, exactly, the, the, Maryann's plumber.

JL: Right.

JD: But, you know, I mean, so I'm just...

JL: Well, you know that (UI) you know, it's funny because the, the attachments from the boiler, okay, were never welded. They were not welded when the, when the heat went through the pipes.

JD: Really?

JL: When the water came downstairs, down into the basement, the fuckin' boiler blew up. We're having pizza in the kitchen and we hear this loud explosion. And the smoke coming out from the basement going up the stairs.

JD: Well, I knew the boiler had, there was something wrong with it afterwards. I knew that it happened.

JL: But the pipes were not welded to the boiler.

JD: Oh, so (UI).

JL: Yeah.

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JD: Let me, let me throw something out at you too, hold on. I have a house in Long Island, right, and, and it's, I bought it for the value really of the property. There's a house on it. We actually rented the house, my friend and I, you know, temporarily, while we, we were either going to get a variance and attempt to build two homes but he had a heart attack too. That was, oddly enough. So we just, I just abandoned the idea. I said, you know, I found these builders, they wanna buy it, so they're gonna buy it from us. And a tenant was in there but they just moved out. And it's a little nothing home, like, uh, 2500, you know, square foot home. And it's just sitting there. So I'm just, I don't know. Is there something we could do there, could we switch...

JL: (UI) vacant?

JD: Yeah, but did, hold on, Scott Circle. Wasn't Sherry gonna put in a claim that said Scott Circle was not vacant? How did...

JL: Scott Circle was vacant.

JD: Uh, uh, it was vacant, right, it was vacant. She wanted to put in a claim that said it wasn't.

JL: There was a claim involved.

JD: Well, how do you do that?

JL: There was a claim.

JD: Okay.

JL: What company you have out there?

JD: You know, I don't know.

JL: You gotta find out because...

JD: I could switch it to Chubb.

JL: Okay.

JD: What if we switch it to Chubb, hold on...

JL: Okay.

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JD: And then you tell me what we can do. And it's a little nothing home, it's gonna get knocked down anyway.

JL: Okay. Get me all the paperwork.

JD: I'll get you everything.

JL: (UI) Chubb, that's what they did in Scott Circle was give an \$80,000 deductible.

JD: Whatever, I, uh, uh, uh...

JL: Because they, they knew that the house was not vacant. They knew the house was vacant.

JD: Vacant.

JL: So technically it's your responsibility to tell the broker, okay, tenants moved out, the house is vacant. I don't know how long the house is gonna be vacant. And what they do is that they put on what's called a, a vacant surcharge. You know, technically, there's more of a problem...

JD: Oh, I see, if someone's not there than there.

JL: Right.

JD: Okay, I got you.

JL: Okay, there's more of a problem when, when somebody's not there. The pipes can freeze, this can happen, whatever, okay, than somebody being there, living there.

JD: I got you.

JL: Okay. On top of that, we, we were never notified that the house was vacant. All of a sudden the fucking roof collapsed, okay. And there's a \$300,000 claim.

JD: I got you.

JL: Chubb came in and says, look, you gotta suffer in this loss because you never told us. So they took 80,000 right off the guy.

JD: I see.

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JL: You know, you know, but these company guys, that's why you gotta be one step ahead of these companies.

JD: I see what you're saying.

JL: You know what I mean?

JD: All right. No, just, I, I always just remember saying, Joe saying to me, I didn't talk to him about it, you know, but that Sherry said she wanted to say that there was a tenant in the house. But how could we do that? You can't do that.

JL: No...you can't.

JD: You can't, okay.

JL: No, but (UI). When the adjuster comes in, they're gonna wanna speak, you know, speak to the tenant.

JD: Yeah.

JL: They're gonna wanna see furniture, you know. There was no furniture at Scott Circle.

JD: Didn't she say her and Dan Forbes were gonna go buy furniture and throw it in there or something?

JL: (UI).

JD: I don't know, that's what Joe told me. I did not hear that firsthand, I don't know. All right, I'm just whatever...

JL: You gotta be very careful, but you got a lot to lose.

JD: Yeah, believe me, I know. But that's why, honestly, when Robby showed up I was a little, like, I was shocked and I was a little, like, not pissed but I was, like, what the hell is he doing here. Like, are we telling the whole world.

JL: So who is it? He's the plumber?

JD: Robby? You know Robby Midollo? You don't know him, oh, okay. He's Dominick's cousin, too, through Valerie. He's Valerie's cousin. But I think he grew up in Harrison, that's why we don't know him.

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JL: Okay.

JD: And he, he moved from Harrison to Purchase. And then Dominick moved up there and he knew him, and then...that's it. And then I guess they did some kind of business together, Oak Valley, and that's it. Now, I had no idea that Cordasco...

JL: Wasn't he the one who owned the auto body shop?

JD: Yeah, exactly. I had no idea...

JL: (UI) for a fucking, uh...

JD: Oh, Dominick took him too. You know that, everybody knows it. Everybody knows it, yeah. He took him too.

JL: It just doesn't end.

JD: No.

JL: Have you been speaking to Joe Romano (ph)?

JD: The truth is I try not to speak to anybody too much. I put my head in the sand, I get up, I go to work. I don't really bother too much with too many things, too many people. You know, I work 12-hour days, you know. Today I took off, I was in surgery all day, I'm exhausted. You know, (UI) I'm sick, so I said, ah, I'm just gonna go home, I can't, I can't do it, you know. But...but what are we doing, Cordasco's coming by?

JL: Yeah.

JD: All right.

JL: (On phone/intercom) Elaine?

UF: (UI)

JL: Elaine?

UF: Yeah.

JL: When Lou Cordasco comes, just send him in the back office.

UF: Wait a minute, John, I can't hear you, you're not coming through.

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JL: You there? (Hangs up)

JD: Well, what is, you think he's got a better idea or something?

UF: You're not coming through, what did you say?

JL: If Lou Cordasco comes...

UF: Yeah.

JL: Have him come in the back.

UF: Okay.

JL: No, he just wants to...

JD: No, I just, I don't know, um, we...I mean, you know, the deal is I'm, I'm leaning on your expertise and him, like, to say, what do we do here. I mean the truth is the other night he said to me...

JL: I really don't know.

JD: I know, that's fine.

JL: Like, I just gotta, uh, you know...it's gotta be the right time and, uhh...

JD: Well, the weather's gotta be right, I know. I know that...I know that.

JL: You know, then, you know, you know, Lou was talking to me about what's gonna happen, you know Dominick is gonna find out about it.

JD: You think so?

JL: Yeah...(UI).

JD: Really, hah?

JL: That's what Lou was talking about. Dominick's gonna (UI).

JD: I didn't think about that part.

JL: Well, I'm telling ya he did, Lou thought about what's gonna happen, Danny Forbes gets fucking wind of it, you

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know.

JD: I didn't think about that.

JL: What's gonna happen, Danny Forbes (UI) up in Purchase, you know, there's a \$250,000, you know, water damage claim up in, uh, on, on Purchase Street on Dominick's property, it's gonna happen. That's another thing we gotta worry about...you know. Or the word's gonna go back to this fucking scumbag and who, who knows, because I hear he's doing shit behind fuckin' bars. He's doing, he, he's doing things behind bars.

JD: Like what?

JL: With the word, he's putting the word out to people, having things done...you know.

JD: Oh, he's still conducting business from jail.

JL: Still conducting business.

JD: Well, there, there's no doubt.

JL: He wants something to come down against you.

JD: Yeah, I know.

JL: With this. All of a sudden, we planned it out perfectly, okay.

JD: Everything's fine.

JL: Three, four hundred thousand dollar claim and all of a sudden something happens, I don't know.

JD: Right, and then he gets wind of it.

JL: Right, that's another, that's the thought that he had.

JD: What is he gonna do, call the authorities? (Laughs)

JL: I don't know, I don't know. John...he fucked you out of 400,000 in the first claim, okay, (UI) in your name, fucked you out of that.

JD: Well, I had no idea it happened.

JL: You had no idea. Well, you know, here, I mean here...

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I understand.

JD: He's good. He's good.

JL: Yeah, I don't know (UI).

JD: How'd he get, seriously, how'd he get to be such a criminal like this? You know, Lou said and Robby said, he said you know something, before he met these people he was never like that though. And that's, that's the Dom I remember. All right, happy go lucky, you know, living on the edge a little bit, that was always him, but...

JL: All of a sudden...

JD: Then all of a sudden he meets these people and...

JL: And you take a chance, okay, you take another chance that you don't get caught.

(Knock on door)

JL: Yeah?

: (IA)

JL: Hey, bud.

JD: Hey, what are you doing?

LC: Hey.

JD: How did he meet these guys? What's going on?

LC: How you doing?

JD: How you doing? How did he meet these guys?

JL: You know, when you start getting involved with, uh, certain...

JD: We're talking about Dominick DeVito right now.

JL: If you get involved with certain people, especially as far as years ago in the carpentry business and then the horses and then, and then the gambling, you start taking numbers, you start doing this. You, you get involved with, with the criminals, okay.

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JD: Did he have a, a, a bookie thing, Dom?

JL: Yeah.

JD: He did?

JL: Well, with, with Darren (ph), Darren was (UI) he took the numbers.

JD: Oh, yeah.

JL: Through Dominick, through, uh, Rigoletto, through Patsy, everything was done through them. You know, then all of a sudden, you know, you get, you get involved in union deals and, and, and you have problems. And every time you get involved in a union, okay, there's big money.

JD: Yeah.

JL: And Dominick made a million dollars for Patsy...okay. And then he got involved in these other jobs and these other jobs and these other jobs, and you keep on fucking ripping off all these other fucking people. And then you build yourself up, you, okay, you start to get their trust and then, you know, all of a sudden, you start making money catering to them and you got carte blanche no matter where you go. You're driving around, you got beautiful houses, you got fucking furs, you got Mercedes, you got this, you got all the cash in your pocket that you want and that was him. (UI), you know. (UI) I was, I was just telling him, you know, there's ways to do it and there's ways to do it, you know, and one thing that he didn't think of, if something does happen and Dominick gets wind of this...

LC: That's what I told you, the next day I came back, (UI) everything goes through and you get the check.

JL: Who was the guy that you brought with you?

LC: Robby Midollo.

JL: Why, who is he?

LC: Well, Robby, you know, he, he's a friend of mine, he's a GC and he got ripped, Dominick took him for a million and a half.

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JD: Well, I just, you know the truth, I know Robby, he's okay.

JL: (UI) he was shocked.

JD: No, Robby's good. I was a little shocked to see him, I gotta be honest with you, (UI) what's going on. And you know, he still is Dominick's cousin so I was like, like this, so I said, well, wait a minute.

LC: Dominick, Dominick, Dominick took a million and a half from him. He tried to do the same thing to him as he's trying to do to you and LaManna and the other guys.

JD: Yeah.

LC: But he, he was able to sell his other house, he got the money he needed, he walked in the next day and said, go fuck yourself, I got the money. (UI) me, I don't owe you anymore.

(JL having telephone conversation in background)

JD: And he's, and you see him going off on him now. He's, he's a bad dude, DeVito. He's just...

LC: Bad news, I said on the phone (UI).

JD: Well, I was telling John...I have another house on Long Island that's about, not a big house at all, I bought it for the property, and I said maybe we can switch the policy there from whoever I have to him, like, at Chubb, put in a small claim on the house.

LC: What, uh...

JD: It's vacant.

LC: See, the thing is (UI) you, you're paying, the guys you're dealing with, like, paying your monthly note to for Purchase, Dominick's guys got involved in that end of the deal, too?

JD: No, no, no, no, no.

LC: (UI) a legit bank?

JD: What do you mean? Say that again.

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LC: Your mor--, your, your mortgage payments on this house in, in Purchase.

JD: No, it's all mine.

LC: It's all yours.

JD: The bank.

LC: Okay, it's not, not, not through, not through their guys, your guy.

JD: Nooo, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no...no, no, no, um-um.

JL: But you gotta remember, Danny Forbes, Danny Forbes lives a few blocks from you. You understand?

JD: Yeah, he'll get wind of what happened, yeah.

LC: (UI) you know, there, there, there, there's too much down side than up side.

JD: I didn't think about that, honestly, I really didn't. I just didn't...cause you know I'm saying, I really didn't even think about it, number one, now that we did bring it up and I'm thinking about it, I'm like, well, what's he gonna do anyway? Who's he, who's he gonna call?

JL: You never know.

LC: Hey, (UI) up to you.

JL: But don't you know that he would not want to see you with any money?

JD: Oh, he's, he's...

JL: You know that?

JD: Yeah.

JL: And no matter what he would do, he would not, he would do everything in his power to know that if there's any water damage payment of a few hundred thousand dollars, you know, and the house is in your name, you know...

JD: Yeah, he'll try and hurt me.

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LC: Bottom line is he's looking to waste both of yous, not waste you, but I'm saying waste you where you're drained financially. I'd say, listen, sorry, bud, looks like, you know, they're gonna buy (UI).

JL: Just like if (UI).

JD: No, but that's...

JL: (UI) kicked the wife out of the house.

JD: ...(UI) oh, well, you gotta say that was his plan all along though. You, do, do you see that?

JL: (UI) that's another thing, you had no choice but to kick her out. So now you kicked her out, okay, and, and...(UI).

JD: Oh, he hates me more than any other person on the planet right now. Oh, that's obvious.

LC: I saw the ad in the paper, by the way, (UI) Sunday Times, the house, the, uh...Brae Burn.

JD: Yeah.

JL: That's another thing, that fucking thing's not gonna sell.

JD: No.

JL: But settle for a million dollars, take your fucking loss and go away.

JD: Easier said than done.

JL: I know.

LC: How much, what do you, what do you owe on the house?

JD: 2.5.

LC: Take 2.5 and get out of there.

JD: We're about at that point.

LC: Well, the bottom line is...you know, it, it's now or later. I mean, you wanna...the (UI) is here. You wanna order (UI) fucking drown (UI).

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JL: No, now, right now in Purchase, sell the fucking thing. Move into something smaller.

JD: Dude, you don't understand, it's been on the market for over a year.

JL: Has it?

JD: Yeah.

JL: Oh, I didn't know that, I didn't know. I didn't know. Reduce the fucking price (UI).

JD: You remember Robert DiDonato he was talking about, Robby Midollo.

LC: Yeah, (UI) is like this with DiDonato.

JD: No, Di--, yeah, DiDonato, yeah, (UI).

LC: (UI)

JD: Yeah, yeah, they're thick as thieves, I mean what's, what's going on. So what do you think Dominick's telling him to do?

JL: So you have a (UI).

LC: (UI) with Houlihan, aren't you?

JD: Houlihan, yeah, but, come on, doesn't matter. What do you think Robert DiDonato's trying at every, you know, every twist and turn?

JL: Who, who's the head broker from Houlihan with you?

JD: Susie (UI).

LC: Susie (UI), she's, she's the best.

JD: She's the best, yeah. That's what I'm saying, I went to the best (UI). You know, it's not like I have it with, uh, whoever, you know what I mean? I went to the best.

LC: What are the taxes on the house in Brae Burn?

JD: Forty-five. I'm, I'm behind two years.

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LC: You're what?

JD: I'm behind two years.

LC: On the taxes.

JL: Did they increase because of all the new work that was done from, from last year?

JD: I don't, I don't know.

LC: If they file (UI).

(Knock on door)

(UF speaking to JL/non-pertinent)

LC: Yeah, I'm looking, I'm looking for something in that price range but I'm not gonna pay (UI) taxes, fucking ridiculous. Cause if my kids go to private school next year, I'm gonna (UI) another 40,000 on top of that.

JL: Is that what it is, 50 thou--, 45,000? Holy...that's a lot of fucking money.

LC: There really has to be another way...

JL: Buy Richie's house (UI). You see the paper yesterday?

LC: I called you, (UI) channel 12 news, the lead fucking story.

JL: Hah, you didn't see the paper?

JD: No, what happened?

LC: Six hundred and fifty million dollars in four years.

JL: Six hundred and fifty million.

JD: I'm sorry.

JL: My cousin Richie got picked up.

JD: Richie...

JL: The biggest...Martino, the biggest porn scam in U.S. history.

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JD: Who's Richie Martino?

LC: Well, Margaret's your cousin.

JL: Margaret, Margaret.

LC: What a doll she is (UI) fucking hooked up with him for the fucking rest of her life.

JD: Where's he from?

JL: The Bronx.

JD: Richie Martino.

JL: There was, um...

LC: I was watching the newscast on channel 7. I remember, I remember the house in the Bronx, when it had the water problem, remember, and he called us?

JL: Yes.

LC: He says don't touch any of the fucking wires whatever you fucking do. That was the fucking house.

JL: Which house?

LC: Some house in the Bronx that he had that had all the fucking cable networking and all that bullshit. Remember he had the water problem, he said don't touch the fucking wires (UI).

JD: Oh, what does he do, run the porn thing through his, uh, through his house?

LC: What, what, what it was, they had it on, I, I watch the local news for business with my son every night and I heard the name. I said, oh, that's fucking Johnny's cousin. I said, oh, fuck. What they would do is, you go on this porn site and they say, they ask for your credit card to see if you, if you were of legal age to do it, so they take your number, boom, on your credit card right away so, like, you're fucked there. Then he would charge the credit card, then you would have to call another number which he was tapped in with the phone company and he would collect, like, I don't know, \$20 a minute they, they were charging to look at some, to look at some porn site or something. He, in, in

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four years he made \$650 million.

JD: Six hundred and fifty million.

LC: Million.

JD: All these guys can rot in hell.

LC: So he's got, he's got a mansion by you in the Purchase Estates.

JD: Does he?

LC: With a, with an in-house full court basketball court with stands, a fucking scoreboard, everything, regulation size basketball court in the fucking house...in the house.

JD: Never met this guy ever, I don't know who he is.

LC: (UI) Purchase Estates, he got a house, he got a \$7 million house (UI), they took that.

JD: They took it?

LC: (UI).

JL: I can't find the paper but he lives up in (UI), he just bought a house and (UI) \$650 million.

JD: This is him?

JL: That's him.

JD: What is he about 50, 55?

JL: Forty-two years old.

JD: He's 42?

JL: Forty-two.

JD: He looks like he's 50.

JL: Yeah.

JD: See?

LC: Just don't look at (UI). If you fucking (UI) the last

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three years, you would look like that too.

JL: (UI)

LC: Sal Locascio was involved in that, too?

JL: Yeah.

JD: Who?

JL: Um, Tore Locascio. You know how much money Ri--, Richie was sending out to him?

LC: I could imagine.

JL: Thirty million. And Zef, and you know Zef?

LC: He was included too.

JL: Well, Zef is like a hitman, you know.

JD: Who?

JL: And then Andrew, Andrew Campos over here. He bought a house across the street from Eastchester High School. Now Tore had the house in Scarsdale.

LC: (UI)

JL: And he's got fucking surveillance cameras on his house.

LC: Yeah. Yeah, (UI).

JL: Right.

JD: Who, who's that, who has surveillance cameras?

JL: Tori Locascio, his father.

JD: Is whose father?

JL: Frankie Locascio was John Gotti's consigliere. So now Gotti's dead, okay. Frankie Locascio, the son John Gotti, Jr., he's in jail. Well, now (UI) Tore. You know, Tore's like the number one man.

LC: (UI) Gambino crime family.

JL: Richie...

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JD: Lives here in Eastchester?

JL: He, he lives here.

JD: No shit.

JL: Yeah.

LC: All of them, all Westchester guys.

JL: Richie made the biggest, he was the biggest earner for the Gambino family. The biggest earner. But that's four years of work, \$650 million.

LC: They got greedy but, he could, he could build fucking (UI) shit in his (UI).

JD: Oh, my God.

JL: They got fucking greedy, you know. They, they billed everybody to their, uh, what do you call it.

LC: Credit cards.

JL: To their credit cards, you know.

LC: All it takes (UI) you can rob banks for fifty fucking years, you get caught one fucking time (UI), you're dead, it's over.

JL: Yeah.

LC: I don't give a fuck (UI) fucking caught this guy.

JL: Yeah. No, you know what happened, they brought two other guys, this guy Norman Chanes who owns Screw magazine and High Society, he kind of blew the whistle on him cause he's started making too much money. And then things, uh...

LC: What they were making wasn't enough.

JL: Apparently not.

LC: What they want, fucking three billion dollars out of the fucking deal? They were spending fucking (UI).

JD: Who's this other guy who lives across from Eastchester High School, who's he?

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JL: Andrew.

JD: Who is he, he's in...he's in Dominick's group or...

JL: No.

JD: No.

JL: No, he's another family. Isn't (UI) family. This is the Gambino family. Amazing.

LC: They showed every fucking house on TV last night, too. The one here in (UI).

JL: But, now with this, he's gotta give everything back.

JD: He's gotta give them 650 mil...

JL: (UI) on the street. He's gotta give his house over here on (UI) in Tuckahoe, his house in Purchase, the house in the Hamptons worth six million, the boat, the car, everything's (UI) with the RICO Act. He gotta give up everything. And I saw Margaret before. She, she had lunch with Gloria (UI).

LC: She all right?

JL: Yeah, she said, uh, everything's gonna be okay, everything's gonna be okay.

LC: What you need is a top flight attorney, that's what you need.

JL: Well...

LC: He can do time, what he (UI)?

JL: (UI) ten years.

LC: They say five to ten. He got ten, he'll be out in five.

JL: He got ten, gotta pay 13 million (UI).

JD: Wait, for stealing \$650 million he got five years in jail?

JL: He got ten years.

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LC: Yeah, but he'll do five.

JL: Yeah. And he gotta (UI).

LC: The question is, the question is, where's the money buried. That, that's the question.

JL: Look, they had 64 companies. You see, you read that? They had 64 companies. Oh, my God.

JD: (UI) here, it says just before Locascio entered his plea, so this is the same guy who lives in Eastchester?

JL: He's a member (UI).

LC: Yeah.

JL: Used to play golf with him.

JD: Yeah, Frank, who's Frank, his father?

JL: Frank's his father.

JD: It says Frank Locascio, who is serving a life sentence in a Federal prison. Where is he?

JL: That's John Gotti's, uh, consigliere. He was, he, he was the, uh, the attorney...for Gotti.

JD: Hmm.

JL: Yeah.

JD: It's unbelievable.

LC: (UI)

JL: So, then what I did was...

JD: All right, I'll look into this other policy then, I'll switch it over.

JL: Be patient, be patient.

JD: Yeah.

JL: I got a feeling if anything happens up there, Dominick will find out.

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LC: Oh, I, there's no doubt about it.

JD: Yeah, you don't think so, hah?

LC: Because if, if, if it's not through his people, it'll be through fucking, uh, Robert. He got the biggest fucking mouth in town. He's a fucking (UI), that kid (UI).

JD: That's right, DiDonato will tell him, yeah.

LC: I mean he basically, he has that, like, 2-mile square, he knows everything that's going on. He fucking (UI).

JD: How do you know him? You know him?

LC: Yeah, through, you know, I do a lot of work with Julia B. Fee, you know, my own business.

JD: Right.

LC: So I run into him often and he's the one who called me when I had the water problem. So I get to the house, I'm looking around (UI) I said where's the fucking...

JD: You see what Robby said, he, he was going in and checking the house.

JL: Yeah.

JD: How did he know that?

JL: No, he was driving by.

JD: No.

LC: He was checking the house.

JD: He was in on it.

LC: He was driving by and the alarm went on, and the alarm was on.

JD: He was in on it.

LC: He knew (UI).

JD: He was in on it, Robby said. Robby said he was going in the house while Dominick was away and he was

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checking to see the damage level or the water level and reached a real, a bad portion, then he set the alarm off and he said, oh, I heard the alarm. That's what he said, right? Is that what he said?

LC: And she, Berliner, who built your house, so he used that money to pay her off. Blamed her for it, and probably, the attorney's gonna probably sue her for subrogation because the pipes were supposedly not insulated, which I highly doubt. Cause she, that was a pretty good house considering...

JL: Right, I was telling him, remember when you came over and we were having pizza in the kitchen and the boiler blew up?

LC: Yeah.

JL: And the fucking smoke came right up. Huh.

LC: And the steam.

JL: Now, I was telling him because the pipes were not welded and when the water went down, no, something happened and the fucking (UI) exploded.

LC: It was all staged. If they put a nail, they put a nail into the, into the copper piping and once they got, the draft got in there and air got into this thing, it's gotta expand (UI) break.

JD: I don't think Maryann...I, I don't think she built a bad house. I don't think she left any stone unturned. He screwed everything up.

LC: We saw, we saw your house.

JD: Come on.

LC: So I saw (UI) was insulated, correct?

JD: Yeah, exactly.

LC: Your house is beautifully insulated.

JD: But every pipe, everything, perfectly.

LC: There was nothing covered up in, in the house on Brae Burn, nothing.

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JD: Yeah, so he took it off.

LC: Of course he did.

JD: He got away with it.

LC: Did good with that one.

JD: He got away with it. How does he, what is there, a book somewhere, like, for these guys? They look through a book and say, uh, let's see, it's winter time, let's pull the old pipe breaking scheme and then summer comes and they do something else.

JL: (UI) you know, because even, you know, now that that prick is in jail, the fucking wife wanted to do something when he was away, you know.

JD: What she wanna do?

JL: I forgot, one of the houses with Danny Forbes, to do something, you know.

LC: I'm surprised the house on Oak Valley, where, where Robby lives, it's right across the street, they didn't, uh, they didn't do something there.

JD: Yeah, they probably were planning it.

LC: I'm fucking shocked cause he says, he lives right across the street, he says I see shit going there at night, I don't know what the fuck they're doing in that house.

JD: They're in there at night?

LC: Yeah, they're in there at night.

JL: But Danny's living there.

LC: No, he's not.

JL: No, he's not living there?

LC: No.

JD: He's just holding that for Dom, it's not his. No, but Dominick, you know, he goes around saying, he told me Robby Midollo's house was his...the one across from

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him. He said, Dominick said that was his house.

LC: So they paid him off.

JD: Well, whatever, but that, you know, that's typical Dominick, too. Everything's his. He thought Purchase was his.

LC: He, see, he, he, he was in the same situation that you guys are in, and he tried to tap him, tap him, tap him, tap him. And he said you ain't taking this fucking, I built this house, you ain't taking shit away from (UI).

JD: What do you think I (UI) on Brae Burn, that was my house. I bought that house.

LC: He sold another house and got enough money to pay her, so he bought the thing (UI).

JD: He tried to steal it from me a couple of times, obviously now. I didn't know that. Like, when Robby talked about Maryann Berliner and, and that he was dealing with her. I never knew that. He was dealing with her behind my back. My opinion is they set me up with that house from Day One.

LC: They, meaning Berliner and?

JD: No, no, no, Robby, uh, Robert DiDonato and Dominick. Cause I never even knew the house had a sprinkler system. I didn't know homes had sprinkler systems.

LC: Yeah, from '95 on in Purchase, Harrison.

JD: No idea. So he probably told Robert to look for a house with a sprinkler system, right? Found a good deal, he told me, John, this is a great deal for you, buy this house. Right, I bought the house. Then he made a deal and he says, listen, if we make money in other real estate ventures, you know, and I make you money, I wanna buy this house from you, I like this house. I said, okay, that sounds good to me. But he went around telling everybody it was his house.

LC: Of course he did. He's a big, big shot.

JD: He's gotta be a big shot.

JL: Oh, (UI) he lived there, I thought (UI).

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JD: (UI) never, it was mine.

JL: But it made it even better that it was his cause he lived there, you know.

LC: I would do the same thing, I would (UI) when that check came, had your name on it, right?

JD: That's what I'm saying, I never saw the checks.

LC: How they fucking do that, how (UI)?

JL: He fucking (UI).

JD: He said, you told me, with Phil Melillo, he signed my name, right?

JL: Phil Melillo got his fucking 60,000. Phil was on 90,000. Phil was on, uh, Phil's (UI).

LC: Yeah, I know.

JD: So I, I never saw the checks. I saw one check for, like, 25, 30,000. And that's what Dom said it cost to fix the walls and the floor. That's it.

LC: That guy never got paid.

JL: Hah?

LC: That guy never got paid.

JL: What guy?

LC: The floor guy. The guy who did the floors in the house in Brae Burnburn. (UI) didn't get a dime.

JL: Really?

LC: That was Robby's, one of Robby's sons. (UI) told him, (UI) calling the cops but just make sure this fucking guy gets paid, don't fuck this guy.

JD: Sure enough he does.

LC: (UI) don't fuck him. That's all he had to tell Dominick. Oh, I'll fuck this guy for sure. Heh, you kidding me?

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JL: And he never got paid?

LC: Never got paid.

JL: Really?

LC: I said, you know, (UI).

JL: Robby DiDonato said that?

LC: No, Robert Midollo.

JD: I'm so cur--, how did Robby Midollo know that Robert DiDonato was doing that, checking for the water level? Do you know, have any idea?

L: Oh, he knows it's a fucking game (UI).

JD: Yeah, I'm just, I'm just curious cause I can't stand that kid. I call him, like a kid, he's a little, yeah, he's like a little weasel. He's just...you know.

LC: He, he lives, he lives in, up in Brae Burn, right, he lives up in that area in the back there?

JD: Yeah.

LC: Or Pinehurst, one of those streets.

JD: Yeah, he, he's a little liar, let me tell you something. He's Dominick's little go-to boy. He does anything he says now. It's obvious.

LC: I saw him one night, I took my kids for pizza in Rye, I guess he must have just left the office. There's a (UI) which is right next to the pizzeria. He was bombed out of his mind.

JD: He's constantly drunk.

LC: Yeah, I didn't know if he was having a problem or whatever but he was...

JL: Every time I see him, he's always drunk.

LC: He was yapping about the attorney, um...that had the property on, in front of the mansion.

JD: Oh, Lou Cherico.

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LC: Lou Cherico.

JD: Yeah.

LC: (UI) I got fucked, these guys (UI) fucked (UI) my kids are right here, they were eight years old at the time, (UI).

JD: Wait, what was he saying?

LC: (UI)

JD: What was he saying, that Lou Cher...

LC: (UI) coming out of his mouth (UI) oh, this guy, he doesn't know what the fuck he's getting himself into, who (UI).

JD: Oh, who Dominick is, you're saying.

LC: I said, I said, Rob, I mean what the fuck do I care.

JL: So he was hammered and his kids were there.

JD: No, I know.

LC: He'll be, he'll be spilling his guts (UI).

JD: Well, I'm saying, cause he was drunk he was spilling his guts.

LC: (UI) pay your friend Rob. (UI) my friend Rob (UI) fucked on this deal if he (UI). I said what the fuck do I, what do I care.

JD: So you know, let me tell you something. I've been around him a couple of times and the true him has come out when he's drunk. And he's a different person. And then he starts spilling the beans and stuff.

JL: A scumbag. Total scumbag.

LC: I, I don't know how, I don't know how they're gonna make money selling that house. That's gonna be a fucking, see what happens there. Imagine buying that house, buying the property to that, building a big house and (UI). Who, who the fuck would pay five million dollars for that house? Who?

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JL: Beautiful house.

JD: Well, they're building (UI).

LC: (UI) the house in front of it.

JL: Hah?

LC: The house in front of it I'm talking about. The mansion (UI) ruined it by putting a house in front of it and the people who bought the property, what, for a million seven, a million seventy-five, approximately.

JL: Yeah, that's Cherico's, Cherico's place.

JD: Well, you know, let me tell you what happened.

JL: Lou Cherico had that property.

JD: Cherico, Cherico buys the property from, from Dominick. Joe bought the mansion thinking the property was included. Cherico represents Joe at the closing...and doesn't tell him he owns the property in front of the mansion.

LC: The old, the old revolving door, remember?

JD: Yeah, so months go by and he's like, Joe's like, what are you doing up there. He goes, I'm building a house. "What are you talking about, it's my property." He goes, "no, it's not." That's how good Dominick is, he's good.

JL: So the property was subdivided behind Joe's back. Never knew it.

LC: What, what else (UI) did Robby tell you anything about the liens on the houses? (UI) the fucking guy take him outside and (UI) fucking liens. The next day, boom, the fucking lien's paid. (UI) fucking best. That was the fucking best, like, whoa...

JD: Yeah, Howard whatever, Fat Howard, Howard (UI) or whatever his name is.

JL: (UI) had no liens, no, no contractor liens on the house.

JD: Well, I do on Brae Burn, he put a lien on Brae Burn.

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I'm trying to fight it right now. So let, let me explain to you here. He, he pulls an insurance fraud on the house, right, fixes the house, fixes it back up, right? I, you know, I, I catch wind of all this shit, I throw his wife out. So to spite me, he puts a lien on, on my house for the work that he, that he caused, the damage that he caused and got paid for by the insurance company. Are you following that?

LC: Yeah. But the bottom line, he's, he's making, if he's wrong or he's right, he's wrong obviously, but if you gotta get an attorney it's gonna cost you money, now what the fuck you do? That's tapping you even more than you're tapped already.

JD: That's exact...

LC: Even for you to make a phone call, costs you \$500.

JD: Yeah.

LC: So you, you gotta call him like ten times, that's five grand.

JD: Why do you think, why do you think I'm sitting here?

LC: (UI) He, that's, that's, he tries to suck every fucking ounce of blood out of you. And then when you're, when you're down, says okay, I'm, I'm buying it now, I'm taking it over.

JL: Yeah, but what we can't do is get des--, we can't get desperate.

LC: No.

JL: You know, and you can't say, well, (UI). There comes a time where (UI) attorney, uh, uh, the time is gonna be right.

LC: You can't, you can't get rid of one of them and just, you know, at least get one of them off your (UI).

JD: I'm trying.

LC: Brae Burn you can't, you couldn't sell it for two and a half? You'd sell that house in a fucking minute for two and a half.

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JD: I don't know. We, we, you know, it's sitting there. I got no offers. So there's nothing to negotiate. No offers, nothing. No offers.

LC: Nobody's showing your house?

JD: Yeah.

LC: The house is being showed?

JD: Yeah, a number of times. There's no offers. It's not as nice a house as you really think. I like, you know, when I saw the house initially I thought it was a great investment.

LC: Beautiful house.

JD: I thought it was a great investment. You know, the way it got explained to me, I, I...

LC: (UI) it's the best house on the fucking block, that's the problem.

JD: Yeah, the way it got explained to me, I fell right into it, you know. But...you know, look, the truth is I think it would be a great investment, would've been a great house to sell but Dominick Devito is, is involved. He put the stain on it now. He lived there, he caused water damage there. You know, his, his realtor friends are out there bad-mouthing me and the house. So how am I supposed to sell the house right now?

LC: I'll tell you what we'll do, what we'll try to do.

JD: Yeah, go head.

LC: We wanna help you out. We don't want, we don't want any insurance out of it. I know some people who can get you, can get the house sold. What do you want? Robby knows a lot of people (UI) we won't, we won't do it through a realtor, we'll do it underground. They'll deal with you direct. Guy comes and offers you 2.7, 2.8, you won't take the money?

JD: Yeah, sure.

LC: Okay.

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JD: So find me that person.

LC: Okay. Well, I'll tell Rob, say look, look for somebody (UI) sell the house. He's selling it privately, not through a broker. You get the person. We'll find someone for you.

JD: I would sell it at that, that number, sure.

LC: If you, if you owe 2.5 and you make 2.7, you make 200, hey.

JD: Take the money and run.

LC: Lessen, lessen your load on the, the other thing.

JD: Yeah.

LC: With that one (UI) the real estate and you see, you know, people are looking (UI).

JD: Well, that's the problem, you understand, on a house that size, what's the realtor get, you know, 200,000?

JL: No.

JD: What are you talking about?

JL: Five percent.

JD: What's five percent of three million?

LC: Five percent of three million is, uh...

JL: Nah, it's not really five percent because on houses usually over about a million and a half, two, usually it's three and a half, four (UI).

LC: Well, your wife would know, your wife would know.

JD: Okay, hold on, all right.

LC: So four times three is 120...that's 125.

JD: Right, okay, so...that's what I'm saying, it's still a lot of number, it's a big number. So you're getting 2.7 minus your closing costs, minus the 125, be down to 2.5.

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LC: Right.

JD: That's the problem. So that's what I'm saying, I still need, like, through a realtor, two-seven fifty or something like that to somewhat break even.

LC: Yeah, (UI).

JD: I got back taxes of two, two years. That's another thing.

JL: And they're not coming after you for it?

JD: I got notices and stuff, I'm trying to deal with it.

: (UI) didn't pay at all?

JD: He was supposed to pay the taxes too in his rent.

JL: Yeah.

JD: Now, well, you know, that's what I'm saying, he stuck me all around.

JL: I know (UI).

JD: He set me up all around, let's be honest.

JL: Like you even got stuck with the car.

JD: I got stuck with his wife's car, everything.

JL: Yeah, he (UI) with the Mercedes, too.

LC: He got you from the (UI) to the insurance, he got you fucking by the balls.

JD: Yeah, he just...

LC: Every, every, every possible scenario that's involved from, say, list from 1 to 100, he's involved in every fucking one of them.

JL: Yeah.

JD: You know what the biggest problem is, he's never gonna change.

LC: Of course he's not.

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JL: There's not too much that's gonna go beyond his eyes. He's gonna see a lot of shit. And I'm sure he sees a lot shit that was going on even now.

JD: Oh, from prison, yeah.

LC: (UI)

JD: Oh yeah, I know that.

JL: But (UI) there's a lot of, uh, a lot of things can backfire. (UI), you know.

JD: Well, I don't know, think, think, think about it, call me back (UI) tell me.

JL: We will, we will.

JD: You know.

LC: Okay, I, I have to leave here (UI), I'll get back to you guys in, uh...

JD: I mean I got this other house sitting there.

JL: (UI) make a few phone calls (UI).

LC: No, I got a guy at home, I'll ask him if has a big enough car, we'll get a stretch and we'll, we'll (UI) be fine. You know, I'll just tell him, I'll tell, I'll tell him we need a big enough car for three sets of clubs and three, three luggages. All right? I'll get back.

JD: Go head.

LC: Okay, I'll touch back.

JD: All right, go head.

JL: (UI) work out...(UI).

LC: Okay, so I'm gonna, I'll make a couple of phone calls (UI).

JD: Yeah, whatever you...

LC: (UI) no realtors, no nothing. If you know anybody who's looking...

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JD: Yeah, I'll get rid of it in a heartbeat. Yeah, really, at this point just get rid of it.

LC: Who pays the taxes?

JD: Well, I'll have to figure out at the clo--, I mean at the closing I'll have to pay 'em. I mean what am I supposed to do? That's what I'm saying, I gotta build that in, I can't come up with money, it just is not gonna happen. You know, I owe 2.5, and, uh, now with the taxes really, it's really 2.6.

LC: Right.

JD: See what I'm saying? So I can't, I can't say to someone, don't worry, take it for 2.5 and I'll pay the taxes. Yeah, with what money?

LC: You need, you need, you need 2.6 to walk away from that clean.

JD: Yeah.

LC: With no, obviously no realtor involved.

JD: Right.

LC: (UI) it wasn't for the fucking taxes yearly, I'd fuck, I'd, I'd grab it myself but...can't pay.

JD: Yeah, it's a lot of money.

LC: Four thousand dollars a month in taxes, (UI) out of your fucking mind.

JD: Yeah, it's a lot of money. Go head, I'll meet you guys (UI).

LC: Eighty thousand (UI).

JL: (On Phone/non-pertinent) What's up?

LC: That's eighty thousand in taxes a year.

JD: For what?

LC: His cousin's house in Purchase Estates, 80,000.

JD: Oh, yeah.

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LC: (UI) 80,000...(UI) work out (UI) you're making, you know, that kind of dough.

JL: I gotta go, uh (UI), I gotta do my cardio.

JD: (UI) walk outside (UI).

LC: I was at Peter Luger's (UI), I was thinking of you.

JL: You were?

LC: (UI).

JL: You were at Peter Luger's?

LC: Yeah, (UI) out in Long Island.

JL: God bless you, man. God bless you (UI). God bless you.

(UI)

JL: Gotta go work out. Bye-bye, (UI).

JD: Bye, buddy.

LC: All right.

JD: So let me know about, uh, what you think.

L: Yes, we'll talk. Okay.

JD: All right, I'll see you, yeah, thanks.

LC: All right, (UI).

JD: All right, (UI).

LC: John, I'll put some feelers out for (UI).

JD: Yeah, okay, see you later. Okay.

LC: (IA)

JD: Yeah, I know. That's the main thing, keep my head.

(JD enters vehicle)

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This is SA Michael B. Hartnett, the time is approximately 3:30 p.m. and the recorder is going to be turned off.